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In re application of:

MICHEL GILBERT et al.

Application No.: 09/211,691

Filed: December 14, 1998

For: FUSION PROTEINS FOR USE IN
ENZYMATIC SYNTHESIS OF
OLIGOSACCHARIDES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9572

Examiner: Rao, Manjunath

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

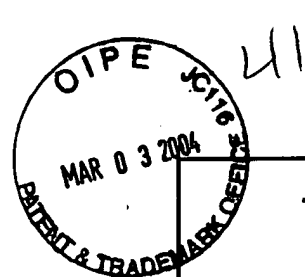
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In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for extension of time for two months, from January 2, 2004 to March 2, 2004, is included herein. Exhibits A-I are also included herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.



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